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SUBJECT: LARG ATTACK ON US PLANE

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF NOTE EMBASSY SHOULD PRESENT
FORTHWITH TO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PROTESTING THE
ATTACK BY LARG AIRCRAFT ON US MILITARY AIRCRAFT MARCH
21: (COMPLIMENTARY OPENING AND CLOSING PURPOSELY OMMITTED)

2. QUOTE THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
WISHES TO INFORM THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE
LIBYAN ARAB REPUBLIC THAT ON THE MORNING OF MARCH 21,
1973, AN UNARMED UNITED STATES MILITARY TRANSPORT AIR-
CRAFT WAS FIRED UPON BY MILITARY AIRCRAFT BELONGING TO
THE LIBYAN ARAB REPUBLIC AIR FORCE IN INTERNATIONAL AIR
SPACE OVER THE HIGH SEAS.

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT PROTESTS IN THE STRONGEST
POSSIBLE TERMS THIS PROVOCATIVE AND IRRESPONSIBLE ACT
BY UNITS OF THE LIBYAN ARAB REPUBLIC AIR FORCE. SUCH
AN ATTACK IS IN CLEAR VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND
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COULD HAVE RESULTED IN THE LOSS OF AMERICAN LIVES AND PROPERTY.

THE USG WILL HOLD THE GOVERNMENT OF THE LIBYAN ARAB REPUBLIC FULLY ACCOUNTABLE FOR ANY FUTURE ACTIONS WHICH MAY THREATEN UNITED STATES AIRCRAFT TRANSITING INTERNATIONAL AIR SPACE AND REQUESTS AN IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THIS INCIDENT. UNQUOTE

3. DEPARTMENT IS CALLING IN LIBYAN CHARGE TO PRESENT PARALLEL NOTE HERE AT BUREAU LEVEL.

4. PRESS GUIDANCE WILL BE SUBJECT SEPTTEL.

5. IF MINISTRY SHOULD JUSTIFY ATTACK ON GROUNDS AIRCRAFT WAS IN LIBYAN AIRSPACE AS DEFINED BY HLR 22, YOU SHOULD REJECT THESE POINTS DRAWING ON STATE 210803, NOVEMBER 12, 1972 AND TRIPOLI 1796, NOVEMBER 28, 1972. ROGERS UNQUOTE. ROGERS

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